

It's the beginning of another busy day for you as Jerrica Benton, head of Starlight Music. While you get dressed, you begin to sing one of your favorite songs.

"Like a dream, I appear to you,  
Like a dream, that is coming true. . . ."

You slip your white lace dress over the blue leotard outfit that you wear in concert as Jem. There! Now you are the perfect picture of a young record company executive.

"No more singing, Jerrica," you say to your image in the mirror. "Somebody might think you're a rock star!"

Of course, you secretly are a rock star when Synergy transforms you into Jem, one of the country's singing sensations. But now you must get your head together! You have a long day of board meetings at Starlight Music ahead of you.

You lean close to the mirror to touch your special earrings that give you holographic powers. Just then, your sister Kimber bursts into your bedroom.

"Jerrica!" she shouts. "Read this postcard. It has terrible news!"

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*Turn to page 2 to read all about it!*

You take the postcard and look at the beautiful tropical island it pictures.

"Wow, this looks just like Rainbow Island!" you exclaim. "Dad took us there every year when we were kids."

"It is Rainbow Island," Kimber says. "And the card is from Samantha Walker. You remember—her father owned the island."

"Sam!" you cry and eagerly turn the card over to read it. Your violet eyes quickly scan the message.

"This is awful!" you say. "Sam may lose Rainbow Island—the most beautiful piece of paradise in the world!"

"Can you believe her father sold it to developers before he died?" Kimber asks. "He always told Dad that he wanted the island to be a nature preserve, not a tourist trap!"

"No, I can't believe it," you answer. "It's no wonder Sam is so upset. She's asking me for help. But that's going to be pretty tough. She needs five million dollars to reclaim the island!"

"Five million dollars!" Kimber says. "That's impossible!"

"Maybe not," you murmur, fingering your earrings.

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Rio speaks up first.

"Let the Misfits bring up the treasure," he suggests. "Then I'll go out and tackle Eric Raymond. He's no match for me."

"I can handle any of those Misfits," Aja adds, demonstrating one of her karate kicks.

"Do we have to get in a fight with them?" Sam whispers. "They really scare me."

"Maybe there's another way," you murmur. "We can always dive down and get the treasure ourselves. Our biggest problem is to get rid of Raymond and the Misfits. And I think I know how to do it—with a little help from a friend."

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The fans demand one encore after another. Finally, you leave the stage, totally exhausted—but ecstatic.

“Jem, we did it!” Howard Sands exclaims as he runs up to you. “We’ve raised five million dollars!”

“Fantastic!” you gasp. “Is the money safe somewhere?”

“It’s in my office, right next to your dressing room,” Sands replies. “Now I think it’s time for all of us to celebrate!”

“All right!” Shana yells. “Let’s party!”

But, just then, a scream pierces the air. “Fire!” someone cries out from the backstage area.

Everyone panics, rushing for the nearest exit. But you stand your ground, trying to decide what to do. All the concert money is in Howard Sands’s office! Somebody has to save it.

Kimber comes up and grabs your arm.

“Come on, Jem!” she insists. “We’ve got to get out of here!”

What will you do? Follow Kimber’s advice and run for your life? Or try to save the money . . . and Rainbow Island?

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*To try to save the concert money, turn to page 10.*



“Remember how Eric Raymond tried to steal Starlight Music from us after Dad died?” you ask Kimber. “Well, we managed to save it . . . with the help of Synergy, our holographic computer.”

“The idea of Rainbow Island being spoiled is too, too . . . horrible!” Kimber exclaims.

“Kimber, please call Starlight Music and cancel all my appointments today. We’ve got to have a big strategy session about Rainbow Island, and the sooner, the better!”

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Between sets, you talk to the fans about Rainbow Island. A television hookup sends your message across the entire country!

At last, it's time for the grand finale. You and the Holograms have changed into miniskirted, green mermaid outfits. Kimber begins to play the first notes of "Just You and Me, Under the Sea" on her keyboard.

You draw the microphone close to your lips and begin to sing, and you can feel the magical mood in the audience. Then, three lines into the song, you reach up and touch your earrings.

Suddenly, the stage becomes an underwater wonderland! Holograms of tropical fish swim around you, Kimber, Aja, and Shana. Beautiful sea plants sway back and forth to the beat of the music. Singing with your whole heart, you feel totally one with the music.

"Just you and me, under the sea. . . ."

The song ends and for a few seconds there is total silence in the hall. Then the concert hall erupts with thunderous applause. You, Kimber, Aja, and Shana join hands and take a bow as the clapping goes on and on.

It's another outrageous success for Jem!

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Shana's concert idea could be a big money-maker . . . if it is a success. Kimber's record idea could be an easy choice . . . if the song is good enough to go platinum! Aja's idea of going down to Rainbow Island makes a lot of sense . . . but you could be stranded there with no way to help Sam.

It's a good thing you're used to making big, executive decisions—because this is an important one!

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*To record a hit song about Rainbow Island, turn to page 30.*  
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You change into dry clothes and head south across the island with Sam, Rio, and the Holograms. You walk under swaying palm trees and catch stunning glimpses of the azure ocean.

"This place is so beautiful," Kimber exclaims. "It's disgusting to think what Eric Raymond might do to it."

"It's disgusting to think what he almost did to us with that boulder!" Rio adds.

"You think Eric Raymond did that?" Sam asks in amazement.

"It's his kind of dirty trick," you answer.

Fifteen minutes later, the six of you reach the top of a cliff. You look out over the south cove of the island.

"Hurry, get down!" Sam suddenly whispers. "There he is!"

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A week later, you are strolling across a sandy beach where the crew is set up to shoot the video of "Rainbow Runner."

Rio runs up to you. "Wow, Jem, you look . . . well, you look . . . gorgeous!" he says, checking you out from head to toe.

You glance down at your new costume. The miniskirt is made of shiny blue-sequinned material. The top has a big rainbow running from the front across one shoulder to the back, made out of the same shiny material, but in many colors!

Just then, a handsome young man with blond hair and green eyes walks up to you. "Jem, I'm Brad Turner," he announces, shaking your hand. "I'm also a big fan of yours."

Aja was right, you think. This guy sure is a hunk! Suddenly, you realize that you have been staring at Brad. You glance over at Rio and see a strange look coming across his face.

"Come on, Jem," Rio says brusquely, taking your arm. "I'll take you to where you'll be singing."

Poor Rio, you grin to yourself. If he only knew that his girlfriend Jerrica and you are one and the same!

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You can't let that money burn! Sam needs it too much. You pull away from Kimber and rush down the hallway. Suddenly, you run into a wall of smoke! The fire is for real . . . and it's burning right into your dressing room!

You crouch close to the floor and see a pair of legs standing outside Howard Sands's office. The smoke clears for a moment and you recognize Zipper, one of Eric Raymond's meanest henchmen! He's trying to pick the lock on the door . . . and get away with the five million dollars!

You've got to stop him!

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Rio's pride will really be hurt if you don't follow his advice, so you decide to let the Misfits bring up the treasure.

"That old map could be a fake, you know," Shana whispers. "The Misfits might be down here on a wild goose chase."

"We'll soon find out," you answer. "They're coming up now!"

Pizzazz, Stormer, and Roxy bob up through the surface of the water.

"Look," Sam exclaims and points. "They each have a small treasure chest!"

Eric Raymond is greedily rubbing his hands together, eager to get to the treasure!

"We're rich, filthy rich," Stormer screams as she drops her chest on the sand.

"Let's change our name," Roxy adds as she climbs out of the water, "from the Misfits to the Millionaires!"

"I'm going to buy a diamond-studded leather bikini," Pizzazz adds.

"Oh, give me a break!" Aja whispers to you.

"We've got to get that treasure," you murmur with determination.

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"A mystery is brewing on the west coast," you guess. "I want to investigate!"

You ask the captain to bring the Starlight Girls to Sam's house. Then you, Rio, Sam, and the Holograms change into swimsuits. It will be a long, hot walk to trail Eric Raymond to the western side of Rainbow Island.

"Watch out for hanging branches and lizards," Sam cautions as you start off. "No one ever goes west from here anymore. The ships that dock on the island come to the south and north coves now."

"Did anyone ever use the west cove?" you inquire.

"I've heard old tales about pirates using the west cove," Sam says. "But that was a long time ago."

Just then, there is a loud rustle in a bush in front of Aja. She jumps back in panic.

"A pirate!" she screams.

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“Hey, what’s happening?” Rio asks in total confusion. “A ghost ship appears out of nowhere. And you think it’s the funniest thing you’ve ever seen.”

“But . . . but . . . you should have seen the looks on the Misfits’ faces,” you say between giggles. “They looked like the stars in a horror movie!”

“The ghost ship!” Sam exclaims. “It just disappeared!”

“I bet Eric Raymond disappears soon, too,” you say with a wink. “You just wait and see.”

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A strong wave smacks you in the face. For a moment, you can't breathe. You begin to sink!

Suddenly, your strength returns, inspired by a tremendous desire to survive. Your arms begin to slice through the water again. Your breath comes in an even rhythm, and in your mind you hear over and over, "Power, power, she's got the power!"

You look up and see the yacht, now only ten feet away. Sam is clinging to a ladder on its side. She reaches out a hand to you.

You've made it!

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You ask Kimber to keep Rio and Sam busy. Then you touch your special earrings and call on Synergy.

“Synergy,” you command, “create the most wicked ghost ship in the world! And add a special touch—Eric Raymond and the Misfits tied to the masts!”

Eagerly, you gaze toward the ocean, waiting for Synergy to work her magic. Eric Raymond has just begun to row his dinghy toward the yacht, and the Misfits and Edwin LaRue are watching him from the deck.

Then it appears! The scariest ghost ship ever imagined! Its sails are tattered. Its beams creak as it rocks back and forth in the water. On the decks, horrible skeletons grin at each other. And tied to the masts in the middle of the ship are holograms of Eric Raymond and the Misfits, their eyes bulging with fear!

“Good job, Synergy,” you whisper with a giggle.

“Where did that come from!” Sam exclaims in horror.

You grab the binoculars to check out your enemies’ reaction!

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While Sam and Rio continue to stare in amazement at the spot where the holographic sharks just faded away, you, Aja, and Kimber pull on the Misfits' scuba diving outfits.

“You guys look great in that stuff,” Shana says. “Maybe it’ll become a fashion craze!”

“I hope not,” Kimber moans. “I feel like an octopus in this thing.”

“Everybody ready?” you ask, adjusting your face mask. “Let’s go for it!”

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“Rio,” you say, “have you ever tried to imagine what paradise would be like?”

“A beautiful tropical island,” Rio answers, gazing at you, “with just you and me on it!”

You smile as the younger Starlight Girls giggle. Then you tell everyone about Rainbow Island.

“Why is it called Rainbow Island?” Ashley, one of the Starlight Girls, asks.

“Because the most beautiful rainbows in the world form over the island,” Kimber explains. “Jerrica and I used to watch them with Sam when we were little.”

“Wow!” Ashley murmurs.

“Awesome,” Joelle adds.

“But Rainbow Island will be turned into a sleazy resort,” you go on, “unless we can raise five million dollars to save it!”

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A hologram is your best bet. But you have to act fast! Stormer, Roxy, and Pizzazz are already waddling to the edge of the water in their scuba gear. They dive into the sea and disappear from sight. Eric Raymond stares out at the spot where the Misfits disappeared into the water.

"Synergy," you whisper, turning your earrings. "I have an underwater assignment for you! Create holograms of sharks . . . to teach the Misfits a lesson!"

Synergy gets your message fast! Seconds later, you see twenty gray fins cutting through the ocean. As soon as the sharks reach the spot where the Misfits are, they dive down.

"Did you see that?" Rio asks in amazement. "The Misfits are going to be fish food!"

"Don't worry, Rio," you say. "They'll get out in time. After all, they're chickens of the sea!"

You were right! The Misfits paddle furiously up to the surface. Pizzazz is out of the water first.

"Sharks!" she screams. Her green hair is standing on end like electrified seaweed.

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*Turn to page 61 for more fun.*

Eric Raymond is standing by the edge of the water. He's trying to talk the Misfits into going back in the water to get the treasure. Suddenly, twenty gray fins zoom toward the beach. As their heads pop out of the water, twenty rows of shark teeth open up and snap at Eric Raymond's toes!

"Yikes," Raymond screams, "let's get out of here!"

He and the Misfits run down the beach, leaving everything behind.

"Look, the sharks just disappeared!" Sam says, rubbing her eyes in disbelief. "How weird!"

"Nice timing!" you add. "Let's get that treasure!"

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It sure is a disaster.

“Rainbow Runner” sits at the bottom of the charts. It catches on slowly. Eventually it climbs to the number-five spot on the charts. But it’s too late.

“If only I had decided to make that video,” you tell the Holograms. “Maybe that could have saved Rainbow Island.”

“What do you mean?” Aja asks. “Has something happened?”

Tears well up in your eyes as you pick up the letter you just got from Sam. “The bulldozers started tearing up the island last week,” you explain. “Sam said that it looks more like a construction site now than paradise.”

“That’s just terrible!” Kimber cries out.

“You haven’t heard the most terrible news of all,” you add. “Sam told me the name of the developer. Eric Raymond!”

“We should have *known* he would be behind this!” Shana exclaims angrily. “That means Rainbow Island will be the Misfits’ favorite vacation spot, now that they’ve got a number-one record!”

You wish you had chosen another path. Because for Rainbow Island, this is definitely . . .

**THE END**

The next day, you are sitting on the beach of Rainbow Island, listening to the ocean whisper songs into your ears. Kimber and Rio sit lazily beside you. The quiet is shattered by an excited call from Sam. "Jerrica, Jerrica, I just got the greatest news!" Your old friend runs up to you waving a telegram.

"It's from my lawyer, Edwin LaRue," she exclaims. "He says he never wants to work for my family again, and the deal to develop Rainbow Island is off!"

"Did he say why?" you ask with a sly grin.

"Well," Sam answers, "his doctor told him he needed a long rest."

"I think I need a long rest, too," says Rio, still puzzled by yesterday's events.

Sam nods in agreement. "Sometimes the tropical sunlight plays tricks on your eyes," she suggests, groping for an explanation.

You break into a happy laugh. "That was probably what caused the ghost ship. It was a reflection," you say winking at Kimber.

"Thanks to that reflection," you add, "Eric Raymond's plot to steal Rainbow Island didn't stand a ghost of a chance!"

**THE END**

“What are we going to do?” Aja asks, her eyes wide with worry.

“It’s time to use our brains,” you answer. Noticing that Sam is watching Eric Raymond and the Misfits, you take the opportunity to step a few paces away from her and twist your earrings. “Synergy, can you hear me?” you whisper.

“Yes, Jerrica,” she answers.

“Synergy, we’ve got to get Eric Raymond and the Misfits away from the treasure . . . and Rio. Think of something . . . fast!”

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"A benefit concert it is!" you exclaim. "It's an outrageous idea! We could make millions to save Rainbow Island!"

Everybody agrees with you. Kimber offers to write some new songs for the concert. Aja wants to design costumes for the show. Shana takes charge of the choreography.

Meanwhile, you can't wait to hit the stage and perform for your adoring fans!

"I'll call Howard Sands, the producer," you announce. "He'll make the arrangements for the concert hall and ticket sales."

"I'll do the publicity," Rio says.

"And the Starlight Girls can put posters up all over town," Ashley adds. "This is going to be great!"

You spend the next week in a flurry of rehearsals, fittings, and meetings. The concert is advertised over the radio and even gets TV coverage. With one day to go, Howard Sands calls to say the concert is a sold-out success!

Then the big night arrives!

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Desperately, the captain tries to row out of the boulder's path. Thanks to Rio's warning, the dinghy escapes—just in time! The huge rock splashes into the water missing you by only a few feet! A giant wave washes over the boat, soaking everyone with seawater.

"How did that happen?" Shana mutters angrily, shaking the water out of her hair.

"It was no accident," the captain says seriously. "A boulder hasn't fallen from these cliffs in years. I think somebody pushed it!"

"But who?" Aja asks.

"That's what we're here to find out!" you exclaim. "Now we *know* that Sam needs our help!"

Minutes later, you're all safely on shore. You warmly greet your old friend. "Jerrica! Kimber!" Samantha cries out as she hugs you. "I'm so glad to see you. And you haven't come a minute too soon. This morning, Eric Raymond told me I have to get off the island immediately!"

"Eric Raymond!" you gasp in horror.

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You and Sam silently climb the ladder and peer over the side of the boat. "We've got to get that paper!" Sam whispers to you.

You couldn't agree more! You twist your special earrings and call on Synergy. Soon, the boat's engine starts making strange noises and everyone on deck rushes toward the front of the yacht. LaRue leaves the document on a table, just as you had hoped!

You jump onto the deck and run to get the paper. Just as you snatch it up, Roxy appears.

"It's Jerrica," she screams. "Let's get her!"

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You rush up to Rio and kneel down beside him. As you stroke his forehead, he begins to moan.

Meanwhile, Aja, Kimber, and Shana pick up the treasure chests. They open the latches and let out sighs of delight. "What beautiful jewels!" Sam gasps as she stares at the piles of colorful gems. "Now I can keep Rainbow Island forever!"

You look from the treasure back to Rio. He slowly opens his eyes and stares up at you.

"Where am I?" he murmurs, looking confused.

"In paradise, Rio," you answer with a smile. "In paradise!"

**THE END**

Before you can stop him, Rio suddenly jumps out from his hiding place. He runs across the beach to where Eric Raymond and the Misfits are trying to open the treasure chests.

“Stay here,” you warn everyone else.

“Raymond,” Rio orders in a stern voice, “leave those chests alone and get out of here. This island doesn’t belong to you—you’re just a trespasser!”

A nasty sneer spreads across Eric Raymond’s face. “Who’s going to make me leave, punk?” he snarls at Rio.

“I am!” Rio announces and raises a muscular arm.

“Oh, no!” Kimber whispers in your ear. “Look at the Misfits!”

The Misfits are creeping up behind Rio. Stormer has a big rock in her hand. Before you can warn him, she heaves it at Rio’s head.

“Rio!” you cry out as he drops face down in the sand!

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**“Eric Raymond is a real snake!” Kimber exclaims.  
“He tried to steal Starlight Music from us.”**

**Sam leads you up to her beautiful house on top of a hill on the island. On the way, she tells you the whole story. Her family’s lawyer claims that Eric Raymond bought Rainbow Island from Sam’s father before he died. But Sam has never seen any of the money. The lawyer said he used it all to pay off debts. And now Sam is supposed to get off the island . . . for good!**

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“All right!” Kimber exclaims, her blue eyes sparkling. “Let’s start jamming. We have a hit record to make!”

Kimber hands you a copy of the lyrics to “Rainbow Runner.” You read through them several times, humming the melody to yourself. Meanwhile, Aja and Shana are practicing their instrumental parts to the song.

“Wait till the Misfits hear this!” Shana says with a giggle. “They’ll be green with envy.”

“No time for chitchat, you guys,” you say, quickly interrupting the fun. “We’ve got some serious rehearsing to do before we can record this song!”

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You turn to your pretty, younger sister.

"Kimber," you say confidently, "I think your idea is excellent! A hit song could bring in tons of money for Rainbow Island!"

"What was wrong with our ideas?" Aja asks, looking to Shana for support.

"Your ideas were good, too," you explain, "but making a hit record should be easy for Jem and the Holograms. You're a solid-gold group! Kimber, how long will it take for you to write the song?"

"It's already playing in my head," Kimber says, tossing her bright mane of hair. "Meet me in the recording studio late this afternoon. I'll have my masterpiece ready!"

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Zipper charges directly at you, but you think fast and fall to your knees. A second later, Zipper tumbles over you and falls right into Rio's arms. Rio grabs the bag of money as he pushes Zipper back down the stairway. You quickly ask Synergy to stop the hologram.

"Hey," Zipper moans in confusion, "what happened to dem cops?"

Rushing past Zipper, you pull open the exit door . . . and come face-to-face with the Misfits.

"Surprise," you say. "We have the money!"

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The three of you desperately kick toward the surface. You are about to let go of the treasure chest when you hear Rio's voice call out.

"Jerrica, get in the boat!"

Rio has rowed out in the dinghy! He grabs the chest and then hauls you, Aja, and Kimber into the boat—and not a second too soon!

The shark's gray fin circles around and around the boat as Rio rows you back to shore!

Shana and Sam run up to hug you as you step onto the sand. Rio drags the heavy chest out of the boat and sets it in front of you.

"I hope this isn't empty," you say in a trembling voice. "We almost died to get it!"

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“Where is Jem?” another reporter asks.

Touching your earrings, you flash a hologram of Jem onto the concert stage. The fans still in the hall erupt into a roar of applause. Jem waves back at them, her earrings flashing.

“Can you answer another question, Miss Benton?” a third reporter asks.

“Of course,” you answer, hiding a smile. No one ever guesses that Jem and Jerrica are both the truly outrageous *you*!

**THE END**

Later that afternoon, you flip your earrings and turn into the truly outrageous Jem. You hop into the Rockin' Roadster and drive to the recording studio to meet the Holograms. Fans recognize you as soon as you step onto the sidewalk in your shiny pink dress and bright pink shoes.

"Jem!" they scream in adoration. You toss back your pink and blonde hair and give them a warm smile as you hurry into the studio.

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Fire alarms scream in the air. “Let’s run for it!” you call to the Holograms, leading the way down a flight of stairs to the exit.

“Look!” Kimber shouts, pointing to the bottom of the staircase.

It’s Zipper, one of Eric Raymond’s nasty henchmen. He’s holding a big canvas bag and running for his life.

“The money!” you gasp. “Zipper has just stolen it!”

“And the Misfits are waiting for him,” Rio adds, pointing toward the open door, “right outside that door.”

There is no way you can catch Zipper in time! You twist you earrings and call on Synergy. Moments later, four holographic policemen appear out of nowhere just in front of the exit door.

“Yikes!” Zipper screams. He turns around and starts to run right at you!

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"They're not going to listen to you!" Roxy screams.  
"We've got to catch them!"

The Misfits and Raymond take off after the treasure. The monkeys scatter in three directions when they reach the palm trees.

"Here monkey, monkey, monkey," Pizzazz yells as they disappear into the tropical forest.

"Gee, they'll fit right in with the other animals in that jungle," Aja says, laughing.

"Wait a minute," Sam says, confused. "The treasure chests are still on the beach!"

"And so is Rio," you add, rushing out to him. "Oh, Rio, I hope you're all right!"

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“Aja’s right,” you announce. “Call Tropical Airlines. We’re taking a trip to Rainbow Island!”

“Jerrica, can we come too?” Bonnie asks, a hopeful look on her face.

“Everyone is going,” you say, “the Holograms, Rio, and the Starlight Girls. We all need a vacation. And we can help Sam while we’re there.”

“When do we leave?” Aja asks.

“As soon as we can get a flight there,” you answer. “So hurry up and start packing.”

“I’m going shopping right now,” Shana exclaims. “Who wants to come along?”

“Me!” all the Starlight Girls scream at once.

“Okay, let’s go,” Shana says. “We’ll need bikinis and sunglasses and shorts and beach towels and—”

Rio groans as they rush out of the room. “Please,” he implores, “tell me I don’t have to carry all the luggage!”

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A few seconds later, Aja bursts through the billowing smoke. "Jem!" she yells. "Get out of here!"

"Not . . . until I . . . stop him," you gasp, pointing to Zipper.

Aja runs up behind Zipper and, with one mighty spinning back kick, knocks him out. Then you and she grab hold of Zipper's leg and drag him to a security guard standing at the end of the smoky hallway.

"But, Aja," you cry out, "what about the money? It's going to go up in flames!"

"It doesn't matter," she yells. "It's not worth dying for!"

You know she's right. You look back and see Howard Sands's office suddenly burst into flames.

All your hard work has gone up in smoke!

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You wink at Kimber. You want Synergy to create a hologram that will make the Misfits disappear!

“Come on, Jerrica,” Rio insists. “Listen to me for once.”

The decision is yours. Will you follow Rio’s advice and let the Misfits dive for the treasure? Or will you call on Synergy to create a hologram?

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*If you decide to follow Rio’s plan, turn to page 11.*  
*If you use a hologram, turn to page 18.*

"I know what we can do," Shana exclaims. "Jem and the Holograms can give a benefit concert to save Rainbow Island. Rock stars are always raising money for good causes."

"Great idea!" Rio says.

"I've got it!" Kimber shouts. "Jem and the Holograms could record a song about the island, and give all the profits to Sam!"

"Excellent idea!" Rio says.

"I've got the best idea of all," Aja insists. "We should all fly down to Rainbow Island . . . and find out what's really going on!"

"Outrageous idea!" Rio says.

Everybody starts talking at once. Each of the Holograms wants you to choose her idea. What will you decide?

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Seconds later, a huge, green and red parrot flies out of the bush, just inches from Aja's face.

"Aja," you say with a giggle, "the only pirate on this island is Eric Raymond. And we'd better find him fast!"

You trudge through thick ferns and past towering palm trees toward the west side of the island. Soon, you can hear waves lapping on the golden sand of the western cove.

"We're almost to the water," Sam says, swatting at a bug. "We just have to get through these trees."

Rio is in the lead. Just before he reaches the sandy beach, he stops suddenly. Turning around, he warns the rest of you to be quiet.

You creep up beside Rio to peer into the cove. There, to your amazement, are Eric Raymond . . . and the Misfits!

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The Misfits are the bad-news rivals of Jem and the Holograms. They are always up to no good. Roxy, Stormer, and Pizzazz are busy pulling on scuba equipment while Eric Raymond pores over an old map.

"Samantha Walker is so naive!" Eric Raymond sneers to Stormer. "She thinks I bought Rainbow Island to develop it. If she only knew about this map! Her crooked lawyer found it in her father's papers after he died. It shows a pirate's treasure buried right out there in that cove!"

Sam gasps. You silence her quickly.

"Hey, Eric, what do we get for bringing up the treasure?" Roxy asks.

"I want an emerald ring!" Stormer insists.

"I want the biggest ruby," Pizzazz whines.

"Cool it, girls, we'll all be as rich as royalty," Eric Raymond declares. "Now start diving for that treasure before Jerrica Benton shows up and causes trouble!"

"I'm going to cause them trouble all right," you murmur. "But how?"

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The Misfits are the rock band managed by Eric Raymond. They will do anything to get ahead—even help him steal an island! Stormer, Roxy, and Pizzazz are lounging on the deck of the yacht. A man is with them, busily punching numbers into a calculator.

“Sam,” you say, “look at that guy with the Misfits. Do you know who he is?”

Sam grabs the binoculars. Then she lets out an angry gasp. “It’s my lawyer, Edwin LaRue!” she exclaims.

“The mystery is unraveling fast!” you murmur. “I’ll bet Eric Raymond never paid a cent for this island, Sam. He and your lawyer are trying to cheat you!”

“I wish I knew that for sure,” Sam replies. “Maybe we could swim up to the yacht and spy on them.”

“I have another idea,” you say. “I’d like to pay Eric Raymond back for what he’s done to us.”

“What’s your plan, Jerrica?” Kimber asks.

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On the night of the big concert you sit in front of your dressing room mirror and get ready to go on. Three beautiful orchids are set into your pinkish-blond hair. You're wearing a pink, yellow, and turquoise tropical print minidress and your high-heeled sandals are decorated with real seashells!

"Jem!" Rio exclaims as he bursts into the room. Then he stops dead in his tracks. "Wow, you look great," he adds in admiration.

"What is it, Rio?" you ask, touching your special earrings to make sure they're in place.

"Bad news," Rio explains. "I just saw the Misfits milling around in the crowd. And that can mean only one thing—trouble!"

A worried look flashes over your pretty face. Since the Misfits are your rival rock group, they'd do anything to make Jem and the Holograms miserable. And you don't want *anything* to go wrong tonight!

"Keep an eye on them," you say. "I've got a show to put on!" Just then, a stagehand calls for you from the hallway.

"Well, Rio," you say with a nervous smile, "this is it!"

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You rush to meet the Holograms backstage. Out in the concert hall, thousands of fans are chanting, "Jem! Jem! Jem! Jem!"

"Let's face the music," Kimber says with a wink, "and give them the show of their lives!"

You walk onto the stage first. Aja, Shana, and Kimber follow. The applause from the audience is deafening! You wait a few minutes and then pick up your microphone. At a signal from you, the Holograms strike up the first chords of the lead song.

"I'm always chasing rainbows," you begin to sing. Kimber's new song is a fast-tempo, upbeat number titled "Rainbow Runner." The fans love it!

As the first part of the song ends, you turn toward the Holograms. You twist your special earrings to call Synergy, your holographic computer. Seconds later, a hologram of a beautiful rainbow arches over the stage. The fans gasp in amazement!

The number ends and you take a deep bow. So far, the concert is a fabulous success. Your only worry is the Misfits. What are they up to?

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You join the Holograms atop a big sand dune near the blue ocean. Kimber, Aja, and Shana each has on a rainbow outfit like yours, but each one wears a skirt of a different color.

"Have you heard what Brad is doing?" Aja asks. "He's using special effects to create a big rainbow in the sky behind us while we're singing."

"Too bad he doesn't know Synergy," you say with a giggle. "She could save him lots of work!"

Just then, the young producer asks everyone to take their places for the first shot. Kimber begins to play her introduction to "Rainbow Runner," and the notes blend with the lapping of the ocean waves on the shore.

Your voice soars during your solo part of the song. The Holograms join in for the refrain.

I'm a Rainbow Runner, a Rainbow Runner,  
Rainbow Island is my heart's true home.

The song ends and Brad yells, "Cut! That's a wrap, ladies!" He is clearly delighted. "Perfect the first time. Unbelievable!"

You feel terrific, too. Now you can only wait to see if your day at this lovely beach will save Rainbow Island!

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*Turn to page 51.*

A half-hour later, you're sitting on the patio of Starlight Mansion, surrounded by your closest friends. To your right are Kimber, Aja, and Shana of the Holograms. On your left is Rio, your handsome boyfriend who is also Jem's road manager. Scattered around on the patio are the Starlight Girls, the foster children who call Starlight Mansion home.

"You've kept us in suspense long enough, Jerrica," Rio says with a warm smile. "What's up?"

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Eagerly, you brush away more sand. Then, to your delight, you see the outline of an old chest. Kimber and Sam help you pull it out of its sandy hiding place.

As the three of you lift the heavy box, you gesture to them to begin to kick back up to the surface. But when you look at Kimber, you notice that her eyes are wide with alarm. You swing your head in the direction that she is staring. A shark!

Synergy must be confused, you think. You twist your earring to call on the computer. But Synergy assures you that this shark is no hologram. It's for real!

The gray killer moves closer . . . and bares its mouthful of razor-sharp teeth!

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“Jem,” he announces, excitement shining on his face. “I’ve got *excellent* news. My friend Brad Turner has just offered to make a video of Kimber’s song!”

“Brad Turner!” Kimber exclaims. “He’s the best video producer in the business!”

“Not to mention,” Aja adds with a smile, “that he’s quite a hunk!”

“I told Brad all about Rainbow Island,” Rio continues, ignoring Aja and Kimber, “and he really wants to get involved with the efforts to save it. So, he’s willing to produce the video for free!”

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The Misfits are going crazy! Pizzazz is pulling her neon hair. Roxy is screaming so loud she's attracting seagulls. Stormer has just fainted!

Edwin LaRue rushes to the wheel of the yacht. He's not sticking around to save Eric Raymond!

Next, you focus on Eric Raymond. Your old enemy is rowing for his life. But, tough luck for him, the ghost ship keeps moving between him and the yacht!

"Look!" Rio shouts. "The yacht is taking off . . . and leaving Eric Raymond stranded!"

You put the binoculars down and break into a fit of laughter. Kimber, Aja, and Shana also double over with glee.

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*Turn to page 13.*

Two weeks later, as Jerrica, you are sitting in your office at Starlight Music. You can't believe how much work you have to do!

"The telephone is ringing off the hook!" you tell Kimber as she walks in. "Every record and video store in the country wants more copies of 'Rainbow Runner!' I don't know how we'll meet the demand!"

"I just heard from Brad Turner that it's being nominated for Best Video of the Year!" your sister announces proudly. "We've got an *enormous* hit on our hands!"

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You duck down quickly and then sneak a look at the cove. Eric Raymond is walking across the sand to a small dinghy sitting on the beach. Out in the water, an expensive yacht is anchored.

“Hey, there are other people on the yacht,” Aja says. “And some of them are girls.”

“Rio, may I borrow your binoculars?” you ask.

You take the binoculars and hold them up in front of your eyes. Do you get an eyeful!

“The Misfits!” you groan.

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The three of you swim out into the cove and propel your bodies down to the bottom of the ocean floor.

Tropical fish of all colors and shapes dart about you. Beautiful sea plants sway gently in the ocean's currents. You swim through the clear water, searching for the treasure. Then, suddenly, you spot the hull of an old boat sticking out of the sandy bottom!

You gesture to Kimber and Aja. They swim up and help scrape away the sand that covers most of the boat's hull.

You dig and dig, but find nothing. Just as you are about to give up, your hand strikes something hard! Is it just a rock? Or is it the treasure?

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*Turn to page 48 to find out!*

The next afternoon, you and your friends are on a chartered plane flying down to Rainbow Island. The plane lands on a large island near your destination and from there your group takes a yacht to the small piece of paradise you've come to rescue.

"Jerrica, there it is!" Kimber shouts. Looking ahead you see an emerald island set like a jewel in the blue sea.

"It's as beautiful as I remember," you murmur.

As you come closer to the island, the captain shuts the engine and drops anchor. "We'll have to take the dinghy to shore," he says. "The water is too shallow to bring the yacht any farther."

Rio, Shana, Aja, and Kimber are in the small boat with you. The captain plans to make a second trip with the Starlight Girls.

"Look, there's Sam!" you exclaim. A pretty, young woman waves from a sandy cove of pink sand surrounded by high, craggy cliffs.

"We'll be on the beach soon," the captain explains. "I have to row close to the cliffs on the right to avoid the strong current."

The dinghy skirts the edge of the cliffs. "Captain, watch out!" Rio cries suddenly. You follow his gaze up to the cliffs. A huge boulder is falling . . . right toward your boat!

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You grasp the paper tightly and leap onto the railing of the yacht. Then you make a beautiful swan dive into the sea. Sam has already begun to swim back to shore. You catch up with her, and the two of you swim toward shore, helped along by the ocean's waves.

Behind you, you can hear the angry screams of LaRue and Eric Raymond. But they're too late! You and Sam reach the sandy cove and scramble up the cliffs to where Rio and the Holograms are waiting.

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**“Open it, Jerrica!” Kimber says excitedly.**

**Your reach down and pull on the old, rusty latch on the chest. Then, with trembling hands, you open the lid.**

**“Awesome!” Kimber murmurs.**

**The rainbow-colored treasure trove that’s inside the chest leaves you speechless! Rubies, sapphires, emeralds, and diamonds sparkle with glowing light. Miniature rainbows arch out of the chest as the sun glints off the jewels.**

**“We’ve found it,” you gasp “—the secret of Rainbow Island!”**

**THE END**

Pizzazz grits her teeth.

"Jem," she threatens, "one of these days we'll beat you—you just wait and see."

"Let's scram," Roxy yells, "before Miss Goody Two-Shoes calls the cops!" You watch as the Misfits run off into the night. Just then, Howard Sands rushes up.

"The fire was nothing but a false alarm," he announces. "But a group of local reporters wants to talk to Jerrica about the concert. And I can't find her anywhere!"

"Don't worry," you tell Mr. Sands. "I'll find Jerrica for you . . . I promise!"

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*Turn to page 72.*

You decide to cut the record of "Rainbow Runner" without the video. Rio is disappointed, but goes to work promoting the new release from Jem and the Holograms anyway.

Two weeks later, the record is in the stores. You are at Starlight Mansion with Rio, the Holograms, and the Starlight Girls. Everyone is worried and uncertain, and the radio is tuned to the most popular station in the city.

"Gee, Jerrica," Kimber says, "I'm getting worried. The disc jockey has already gone through twenty-four top songs of the week. Number one is the only song left."

"It'll be 'Rainbow Runner,'" Shana says. "It's just got to be!"

"All right, rock/pop/punk music lovers, this is it," the DJ screams, "the new number-one hit record of the week. Are you ready?"

"We're ready!" Aja yells.

"The big hit is—" the DJ pauses, and then shouts, "'Road Rocker,' by the Misfits!"

"Oh, no!" you moan. "This is a disaster!"

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*Turn to page 20.*

On the beach, your enemies are bending over Rio. Their backs are turned to the three treasure chests on the sand. Suddenly, three scampering monkeys run in front of them . . . and each monkey carries a treasure chest! Eric Raymond and the Misfits never guess that it's all a hologram!

“Hey,” Eric Raymond shouts, “hey, you monkeys, come back here!”

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*Turn to page 36.*

"Call Brad Turner," you tell Rio. "We'll do the video!" The Holograms cheer! Rio rushes from the studio to contact the young producer.

"Wow, this is exciting!" Aja exclaims. "I can't *wait* to meet Brad."

"Are you forgetting the reason we're doing the video?" you ask Aja with a grin.

"To save Rainbow Island, of course," she answers. "Hey, maybe I could spray my hair all the colors of the rainbow for the video."

"What about our costumes?" Shana adds. "Let's wear something new . . . something *really* dynamite!"

"I wonder where the video will be shot?" you ask, catching everyone else's excitement. "Maybe on a beach . . . with palm trees in the background, just like Rainbow Island."

"Brad will decide that," Kimber says. "Meanwhile, we'd better practice our music. A video is only as good as its song, you know."

"You're right, Kimber," you say. "We'd better get our heads out of the clouds and our feet back on the ground."

"At least until the first day of shooting the video," Aja says with a sigh. She must be thinking about Brad again!

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*Turn to page 9.*



Roxy is next. She scrambles up on the beach and throws her scuba gear at Eric Raymond.

“Forget the treasure!” she yells. “I’d rather keep my fingers and toes!”

Stormer is last. She pops out of the water like a torpedo.

“I’ll never go swimming again!” she screams. “A shark just kissed me!”

The Holograms are doubling over with laughter. You ask Synergy to add the finishing touch to her trick.

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*Turn to page 19.*

It's the morning after the concert. Still in your Jem mode, you're at Starlight Mansion with Rio, the Holograms and the Starlight Girls.

"We'll do the concert again!" you announce with determination.

"I'm all for that," Shana agrees.

"Our fans will stand behind us!" Aja says.

"This time we'll make sure the Misfits and Zipper don't get near the concert hall!" Kimber adds.

"Terrific!" you say. "We'll have another 'Save Rainbow Island' concert. And this one will be even bigger and better!"

"Hey, wait a minute," Rio interrupts. "Shouldn't you ask Jerrica about this? She's the head of Starlight Music!"

"You're right, Rio," you answer with a sly smile. "We do need Jerrica's permission. But I bet she'll be behind me . . . 100 percent!"

All the Holograms break out in laughter as Rio looks *very* confused!

**THE END**

“Let’s try it your way, Sam. We’ll swim out to Raymond’s yacht . . . and do a little spying,” you say.

“Jerrica, it’s too dangerous,” Rio interrupts. “You might get hurt.”

“Relax, Rio,” you answer back. “I work out every day. I’m in great shape!”

You and Sam strip down to your swimsuits and wait until Eric Raymond has rowed his dinghy out to the yacht.

“Let’s go,” Sam says. “We’ll sneak down to the cove under the cover of the palm trees. But we’ll have to swim as fast as we can.”

“Good luck,” Aja whispers as you and Sam wade out into the warm tropical sea.

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*Turn to page 71.*

"That was close," you gasp to your friend.

Sam holds up a finger to her lips to silence you. Both of you strain to hear a conversation on the deck of the yacht.

"I don't know what Jerrica Benton is doing here," Eric Raymond snarls.

"I just hope that Jem doesn't show up," Roxy whines. "She'd try to stop us from getting this island. Remember, you promised to build us our own rock club on the island!"

"*Nobody* can stop us now," Edwin LaRue adds. "This island is ours! I got old Mr. Walker to sign it over to me when he was too sick to know what he was doing. And here's the paper to prove it!"

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*Turn to page 25.*

“Sam,” you say, “we’ve got to track down Eric Raymond. Where can we find him?”

“His yacht is anchored off the south side of the island,” Sam explains. “He’s usually there . . . except when he comes up here to threaten me!”

“I thought I smelled something fishy around here,” Aja says, wrinkling her nose.

“But this morning,” Sam goes on, “he headed west. I don’t know why—that side of the island is totally deserted!”

You’ve got to find Eric Raymond. But where? Should you head south, to his yacht? Or should you investigate the mysterious west side of the island?

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*To head south, turn to page 8.*

*To go west, turn to page 12.*

The Holograms take their places behind you. You pick up a microphone and wait for your cue as Kimber plays a few bars on her keyboard. Just as you start to sing, the door to the recording studio swings open.

It's Rio!

As your eyes meet his, Rio stops short and stares at you with a look of admiration (or is it love?) on his face.

But enough of this mushy stuff. What is he doing here anyway, interrupting your session? *Uh-oh*, you think to yourself, *hope it's not bad news*.

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*Turn to page 49.*

You open the door to the recording studio and hear Kimber playing some magical-sounding music on her keyboard. Then she begins to sing:

I want the rainbows to shine,  
And the seabirds to soar,  
And my song to sing over  
The blue ocean's roar.

I'm a Rainbow Runner, a Rainbow Runner,  
Rainbow Island is my heart's true home.  
I'm a Rainbow Runner, a Rainbow Runner,  
Its beauty is with me wherever I roam.

"Fantastic, Kimber!" you exclaim when she finishes. "That song will save Rainbow Island for sure!"

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*Turn to page 29.*

You whisper in your sister's ear that you want Synergy to create a hologram that will scare Eric Raymond and the Misfits out of their wits!

"That sounds like fun, Jerrica," Kimber says. "But Sam's idea is good, too."

What will you do? Be sensible and try Sam's plan? Or use a hologram to frighten Eric Raymond?

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*To swim to the yacht, turn to page 63.*

*To create a hologram, turn to page 15.*



“But a video will take a long time to put together, won’t it?” you ask in a worried voice.

“Sure,” Rio agrees, “but the time will be worth it.”

“It’s just that I was hoping to release this song by the weekend,” you say, troubled about this new turn of events. “I’m not sure what to do.”

Your decision is a tough one. The video will be more complicated to produce . . . and will take more time. But it could get your message about Rainbow Island to the world much more effectively. The record will be simpler to make and could be on the charts within a week, making money for the cause!

What should you do? You’ll have to choose the *best* way to help Sam and Rainbow Island—you don’t have time to do both!

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*To make the video, turn to page 60.*

*To record the song, turn to page 58.*

"The song is a hit thanks to you, Kimber," you say. "It's really excellent."

"And thanks to you, Jerrica," Kimber adds, "for believing that we could save Rainbow Island!"

"That reminds me of the best news of all," you exclaim. "Sam just phoned me ten minutes ago. She received our check for five million dollars, and she's paid off the developer. The island will be a paradise forever!"

"Has she seen the video?" Kimber asks.

"Yes, she loved it," you reply. "And she told me to thank Jem for her," you add with a wink.

"Jerrica," Kimber says, "I think we deserve a vacation."

"Great idea!" you tell her, getting up from your desk. "Let's pack our bags. Go call Aja, Shana, and Rio. Rainbow Island, here we come!"

**THE END**

“Wow, it’s a longer swim than I thought,” Sam says, looking at the distant boat. “Are you sure you can make it?”

You nod and glide through the water. Soon, you are fighting the tug of the ocean’s currents. Sam is pulling ahead of you toward the yacht. You struggle hard to catch up, but you aren’t used to fighting the tide.

Your arms begin to feel like lead, and your breath comes in quick, shallow gasps. Maybe Rio was right. Maybe this swim is too dangerous!

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*Turn to page 14.*

Ten minutes later, you meet the press as Jerrica Benton. Your pink hair is neatly tucked under a fashionable red beret and you've changed from your concert clothes to sleek, black dress.

"Miss Benton, was there really a fire tonight?" a handsome, young reporter asks.

"It was just a false alarm," you answer. "Someone tried to steal the concert money during the panic, but the police have arrested him." You pause and smile into the television cameras. "I want to thank all the fans of Jem and the Holograms for making tonight's concert such a big success. You've helped Jem keep Rainbow Island a paradise—forever."

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*Turn to page 33.*

"We did it," you yell with delight, showing them the soaking document. "We've ruined the plot to steal Rainbow Island!"

Just then, a light rain shower begins to fall through the sparkling sunshine. A brilliant rainbow arches across the sky above you.

Sam looks at you with a big smile on her face.

"Jerrica," she says, "Rainbow Island just said 'Thank You!'"

**THE END**







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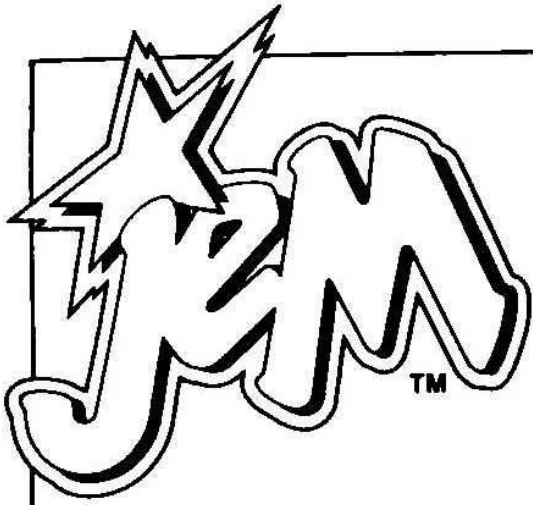




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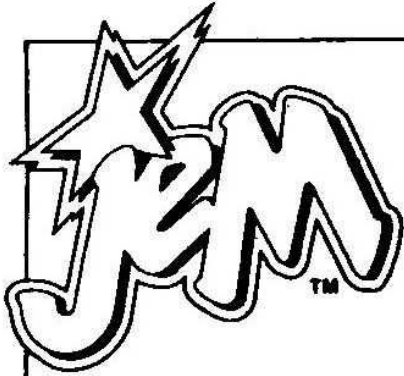
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